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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Presentation on Personalized Learning - Flexible Systems for Teaching and Learning Opportunities

Personalized Learning is receiving attention across the State of Michigan and in other states as a means of providing individual student instruction and supports based on student strengths and abilities. Michigan has defined Personalized Learning, Personalized Teaching, and Educational Technology, and is currently working to develop and align available resources that promote these components of individualization for student success. The Michigan Merit Curriculum law and other related policies have allowed for flexible learning environments that allow students to earn credit and become career and college ready through multiple pathways.

The Michigan State Board of Education has identified Priority 4 as; *Increase the use of personalized teaching methods, including the integration of technology for K-14 grade students to improve learning and outcomes.* The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), along with external partners, has been working to develop systems and resources related to the implementation of personalized learning and teaching systems in the State of Michigan. There are many components of related work being done throughout the state culminating in the development of personalized learning opportunities for students.

Today's presentation will highlight the components of personalized learning and other related initiatives underway across MDE offices and in the field that promote flexible learning for student success. The presentation will include considerations for learning, instruction, and reporting that are aligned with these systems.

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